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On 16 October 1953, the VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk (steel works and rolling mill) at Groeditz concluded an agreement with the Central Designs Bureau (ZKB) of the Metallurgical Industry at 83/84 Mauerstrasse, Berlin W 9. By this contract the ZKB undertook to supervise the construction of 6 furnaces, forges, 2 finishing furnaces (Nachwaermefen), 2 annealing furnaces, and 2 furnaces for a 1/2-ton press. The total cost of this construction project was estimated at upward of 1.2 million DME.

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 Customer

The steel works at Groeditz consists of a steel plant equipped with 6 open-hearth furnaces and 3 electric furnaces, a tire and wheel disc rolling mill, a steel foundry, a large forge, a fitting plant, a grey cast iron plant, and an annealed cast iron foundry. In 1953, the steel works was scheduled to produce 183,000 tons of raw steel, including 11,000 tons of electric steel, 34,000 tons of tires, 11,000 tons of steel castings, 4,000 tons of annealed cast iron, and 74,000 tons of forgings and drop forgings.

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